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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8349
INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: SY, US, LE, EG, XF
SUBJECT: ASAD'S REPORTED ATTACK ON US POLICY RE LEBANON

1. KUWAITI PRESS OF LAST FEW DAYS CARRIES RATHER
PUZZLING REFERENCES TO AN INTERVIEW WHICH SYRIAN PRES.
ASAD IS REPORTED TO HAVE GIVEN TO SOME EGYPTIAN NEWSMEN AND
TO AL-MOSTAKBAL (ARABIC MAGAZINE IN PARIS). IN THE
INTERVIEW, ASAD REPORTEDLY REFERRED TO A RECENT AD-
MISSION BY EX-PRESIDENT NIXON THAT "THE AIM OF THE USG
AFTER THE OCTOBER WAR WAS TO SPLIT THE ARAB RANKS AND
KEEP THEM INCAPABLE OF MAKING WAR". ASAD REPORTEDLY ASSERTED
THAT, DURING THE SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY PERIOD IN THE MIDDLE
EAST, HE REPEATEDLY ACCUSED SECRETARY KISSINGER OF
ATTEMPTING TO DO JUST THIS, AND THAT WHEN THIS
US LINE OF ACTION FAILED TO BREAK UP THE EGYPTIAN-
SYRIAN FRIENDSHIP THE USG "FABRICATED A MASSACRE"
IN LEBANON, WHICH WAS INTENDED TO DRAW IN AND "DROWN"
ALL ARAB COUNTRIES. ASAD IS REPORTED TO HAVE ADDED
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THAT HE WAS NOT, THEREFORE, SURPRISED TO RECEIEVE "FIVE
ULTIMATUMS" FROM THE USG (AND SOME FROM THE SOVIETS)
DESIGNED TO STOP SYRIA FROM INTERVENING IN LEBANON.

2. COMMENT: NOT HAVING SEEN THIS INTERVIEW REFERRED TO
IN CABLE TRAFFIC, WE HAVE MENTIONED IT AS OF POSSIBLE
INTEREST. SINCE IT WAS HEADLINED HERE, WE WOULD BE

INTERESTED IN EMBASSY DAMASCUS' COMMENTS, AND IN
DEPARTMENT'S COMMENT ON THE RECENT NIXON ADMISSION
MENTIONED ABOVE.
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